

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, July 15, 2013, 4:30pm, at the Parks Office (Kalberer Rd). Present at said meeting were Richard Shockley Karen Springer, John MacDonald, Patrick Flannelly and Aimee Jacobsen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Lee Booth, Chris Foley, Bess Witcosky and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Also present was Council President Ann Hunt. Absent from the meeting was Park Board Attorney, Andy Gutwein, Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen and Dan Dunten from the department.

Richard convened the Board at 4:33pm.

The first item of the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the June 17, 2013 meeting. Ann Hunt noted she was listed as attending the June 17, 2013, in which she was absent. Karen motioned to approve the minutes. Pat seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Joe introduced Bess Witcosky, the new Morton Center Director.
- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing
- Reported the Redevelopment Commission meeting was this morning, Monday, as they did not have a quorum last week. Some of the updates are as follows:
 - We have \$100,000 to use towards reconstruction of the ravine footpath, the pedestrian entry from Salisbury & Grant down to the paved trail in Happy Hollow Park. Joe reported he is working with a couple of contractors to see what we are able to do and it will give us a better idea of what can be done this fall.
 - We have completed the redesign of the Indian Trail Drive entry to Happy Hollow Park, the Wabash Heritage Trail part that was built originally as the vac-truck access for storm and sanitary sewer service and does not meet ADA. The Redevelopment Commission funded the redesign work and we are requesting funds for reconstruction next year.
 - The design work for the reconstruction of the ravine footpath was through Parsons Brinckerhoff, a national firm we are working with through an Indianapolis office.
 - The redesign of the Indian Trail Drive entry has been done by TBird, a local firm that we are working with, and who also did the survey work for the ravine footpath.
 - We have Parsons Brinckerhoff working with us on design for the Cattail Trail connection from Yeager to Cumberland. We have two TE Grants from 2009-2010, that could not be spent until now. We have been told construction funds must be encumbered by July 2014, in order to retain the funds, or we will them.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- The final load of playground surfacing material was installed last Monday at Lommel Park. We had thirteen semi-truck loads for our eight parks, with one extra.
- The men's and coed league tournaments will start the week of July 29.
- We have hired Cintas to come in and Sanis Ultra Clean our restrooms at Happy Hollow and Cumberland Park once a month. This includes the use of a chemically

injected high-pressure washer, which will completely sanitize every urinal, commode, sink and floors. After ten minutes, all surfaces are agitated with a brush and then all surfaces are high pressure rinsed. The last step is to vacuum all the water and remove all soils, leaving it completely sanitized. The cost is \$170.00 per month. They plan to begin July 22.

- Our next Global Fest committee meeting is this Friday, July 19. The 18th Annual Global Fest will be held on Saturday, August 31.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Work continues on installing new informational signs along Wabash Heritage Trail
- Additional shell/canoe racks have been built at the boathouse to handle this year's increase in rentals
- New Cumberland Park banners have been hung out front and we continue to paint some of the areas of the barn that have not been sided
- Trail and Playground Inspections are available

Recreation Report – Chris reported on the following:

- 319 participants have registered for the summer Tennis program. Tennis lessons are offered at Happy Hollow School and the Varsity Tennis courts at Cumberland School. Tim Wright, West Lafayette's Varsity Tennis Coach, coordinates the tennis program.
- The final session of swim lessons began today. The swim lesson season started off with cool weather, but the heat has arrived as of today. As of today, we have had 1,442 registrations for the summer swim lessons. The last day for the pool will be Sunday, August 11. The City is currently running fiber to the pool. This will allow us to have internet access to allow computerization of the admission fees and swim lesson registrations.
- This is the final week for the Playground programs. Both Cumberland & Burtsfield sites have been filled for both sessions. We will be looking into the possibility of changes for the ages at the Burtsfield site. The School maintenance staff have been very accommodating to our program. The Cumberland staff has continued their busy cleaning schedule and has worked well with the staff.

Morton Center – Bess reported on the following:

- Meeting with veteran and new instructors, visiting classes, and familiarizing myself with our renters, patrons and the building itself
- Took part in the Young at Heart Senior Citizens aerobics class
- Attended the WALLA Board meeting
- Upcoming events at/for Morton:
 - Global Fair at the Fountain – Friday, August 16, 5:30-7:30pm (International Student Orientation)
 - Open House Celebration – Thursday, September 15, 5:00-7:00pm
 - Adventures in OZ, Friday, August 2 at 7:00pm, open to the public, tickets will be sold
- Most commonly asked question – “What’s happening with City Hall?”
- New items:
 - New “Beginner Social Media” class for adults: Facebook, Instagram, Skype and/or Facetime, possibly Twitter or Pinterest? All led by a current instructor, Chris Kuchta

- Possible music offerings – strings only at this point: Guitar, violin, maybe a folk medley with banjo and fiddle – will try to roll something out for the Fall
- Like us on Facebook (Morton Community Center)

Stewardship Manager – Joe reported in Dan's absence on the following:

- We are starting to catch up with mulching.
- Brad Young began employment and has been working and supervising the crew while Dan is on vacation.

Old Business

N/A

New Business

Art on the Wabash & Wine Sales

Beverly Shaw presented background information regarding Art on the Wabash, requesting Whyte Horse Winery be allowed to sell wine by the glass in a fenced area from 11am-4pm. Discussion followed. John motioned to approve the request as presented. Aimee seconded the motion, and the motion carried. A vote was cast of three - Ayes and one – Nay.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:

- All three West Lafayette schools received 4-star designation by the state. We are the only corporation in the state to have all schools in the district with a 4-star rating.
- West Lafayette High School was honored by the state for the fifth consecutive year for having a high school student-passing rate on advanced placement exams during the 2011-12 school year. We had a 53% student-passing rate putting us third in the state. Ahead of us were charter school, Signature, in Evansville and public school, Zionsville. West Lafayette Community School Corporation was also named to the College Board's Annual AP District Honor Roll in 2012.
- The 2013 school year begins on Monday, August 12, for staff only, with students beginning on Tuesday, August 13.

Wabash River

- Richard reported there had not been a meeting since the last Park Board meeting.
- Joe added Riverfest had another successful event this year.
- Aimee noted she participated in interviews of the three different firms that will oversee the demolition and remediation of the port-a-let site. A decision was made today, and will be announced tomorrow regarding the 1 South Street location.

Other

Performance Running Request

Chris noted we are entering into contract with Mark Acher of Performance Running LLC, noting he has requested permission to put his company name on the mile markers he is purchasing and placing each time the group meets to train on a preset training course. The mile markers will be picked up after each training session. He would also like to put the logo on the t-shirts distributed as part of the participation fee for the program. Discussion followed. Pat motioned to approve the Performance Running LLC logo on mile marker signs and the t-shirts for the program. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Pay Claims

Aimee motioned for claims to be paid. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

John motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary